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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1955



Medical Officer of Health

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HAROLD BOARDMAN, C.R.S.I.

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December 1955.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District during the year 1955.

POPULATION

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 10,710 as compared with 10,770 for last year. The preliminary population taken at the Census in 1951 was 10,982.

AREA

The district extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp, but bracing.

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods, leather, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining and dyeing.

Density per acre 1.36.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the District in 1955 was 146, 74 males and 72 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 13.6 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 137, 83 males and 54 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 12.8.

There was one still birth, 1 male, giving a rate per 1,000 total (Live and still) births of 7.

The deaths for the year exceeded the births by 9, and the death rate exceeded the birth rate by 0.8. The mean death rate for the past five years was 0.1 below the mean birth rate.

For 1954, the death rate was 13.6 and the birth rate 14.7 and the averages for the past five years were - death rate 14.8, and birth rate 14.9.

From these figures it will be seen that the death rate is the same as the previous year and 1.2 below the average for the past five years, and the birth rate is 1.9 below the previous year and 2.1 below the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.

The health visiting is under the supervision of the County Council.

INFANT DEATHS

There have been 2 deaths under one year of age, which is equivalent to a death rate of 15 per 1,000 live births, against 5 deaths and a rate of 32 for 1954, and an average of 42 for the past five years.

From these figures it will be seen that the rate is 17 below the previous year and 27 below the average.

It is most gratifying to report that the above rate of 15 per 1,000 live births for 1955 is the lowest figure recorded throughout the 47 years for which figures are available.

There were no deaths under 4 weeks of age.

PHTHISIS DEATHS

Nil.

CANCER DEATHS

17.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

118 Cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year, against 26 for 1954. Details are as follows:-

	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1954.</u>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory).	3	10
Scarlet Fever.	4	2
Diphtheria.	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenzal)	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
Small-pox.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	13	10
Measles.	97	2
Sonne Dysentery.	-	2

One point again worthy of comment is the fact that 1955 was the ninth year in succession in which no cases of Diphtheria were notified in Littleborough. The last case occurred in April 1946 and the last death from this disease occurred in December 1945. Such a long spell without the occurrence of a case is further evidence of the value of Diphtheria immunisation. In order to maintain this record, it is essential that parents should continue to have their children immunised.

SCARLET FEVER

Four cases occurred, all of which were removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

WHOOPING COUGH

13 Cases occurred, all being treated at home. There were no deaths.

MEASLES

There were 97 cases, two of which were removed to hospital and the remainder treated at home. There were no deaths.

ERYSIPELAS

One case occurred and was treated at home. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year, as compared with one death in 1954.

There were 13 notifications, 6 of which were new additions to the register and 7 duplicate notifications which were chiefly notifications of admission and discharge of patients at Sanatoria.

The occupations of the new cases were as follows:- Housewife 1, Clerk 1, Leather operative 1, Labourer 1, Hosiery knitter 1 and pre-school 1.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952 no longer require a Medical Officer of Health to keep a register of tuberculosis notifications, but the Minister of Health urges that registers should continue to be kept. A register is therefore maintained of all cases notified and a quarterly statement forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health showing all admissions to and removals from the register and the cause of such removals.

The number of tuberculous persons in the District at the beginning of the year was 56 - 38 Pulmonary and 18 non-Pulmonary. 6 Cases have been added to the register, all Pulmonary. 5 Cases - 1 Pulmonary and 4 non-Pulmonary have been removed from the register, leaving a total of 57 at the end of the year - 43 Pulmonary and 14 non-Pulmonary. Of the 5 cases removed from the register, 3 have been notified as "recovered", 1 has removed out of the district, and 1 has died from other causes.

The body of the Report contains details of the work of the department during the year and the report of the Sanitary Inspector sets out details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

In concluding this Report I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from Mr. Clough, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Howarth.

I am,


Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. T. R. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

18th May 1956.



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VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	Legitimate.	Total.	M.	F.	Birth-Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1955-12.8
	Illegitimate.	128	78	50	
		9	5	4	
		137	83	54	
Stillbirths.	Legitimate.	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 7.0
	Illegitimate.	-	-	-	
		1	1	-	
Deaths.		146	74	72	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population - 13.6
					Crude 13.6
					Adjusted 13.8

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	Nil.
Mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	Nil.

INFANT MORTALITY

		Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	...	2	1	1
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
Total.		2	1	1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR.

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 15

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age	...	...	Nil.
Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	Nil.

POPULATION: 10,710

	Per 1,000 of estimated population				Maternal Mortality Rate.	
	Live Birth-rate.	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 total (Live and still) births.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
Mean of 5 years (1950-54)	14.9	14.8	0.03	1.49	1.24	42
Year 1955.	* 12.8	ø 13.6	Nil.	1.59	Nil.	15
Year 1954.	14.7	13.6	0.09	2.04	6.21	32
Increase or decrease in 1955 on 5 Year's average.	- 2.1	- 1.2	- 0.03	plus 0.10	- 1.24	- 27
Previous Year.	- 0.7	- 1.5	plus 0.03	plus 0.56	plus 6.21	- 15

* Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.00) = 12.8 per 1,000
ø Adjusted death-rate (comparability factor 1.01) = 13.8 per 1,000

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1955

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All causes.	74	72
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	-	-
2. Other forms of tuberculosis.	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-
6. Meningoccal Infections.	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
10. - 15. All forms of Cancer.	8	9
16. Diabetes.	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	9	10
18. - 20. Heart Disease.	32	31
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory system.	1	2
22. Influenza.	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	1	1
24. Bronchitis.	8	3
25. Other respiratory diseases.	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6	8
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-
34. All other accidents.	2	3
35. Suicide.	1	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

To the Medical Officer of Health of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Sir,

In the absence of Mr. Kearns through illness, I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the District for the year 1955, in accordance with Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935. Comment is made on several aspects of the work, and fuller details have been included in your report to the County Medical Officer of Health, a copy of which is attached to this report.

HOUSING ACT 1936, PARTS II AND III. HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT 1954, SECTION 1.

A survey of the district has been made for the purpose of considering proposals for the clearance and re-development of areas of unfit houses and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses. As a result of the survey, 167 houses were found to be unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954 and suitable for action under Section 11 or 25 of the Housing Act 1936.

INHABITED HOUSES.

The number of houses used or intended to be used for human habitation is 4051.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied by the Rochdale Corporation and the number of houses directly connected with the mains is 3,429. The pressure to some of the outlying districts is still not satisfactory during certain times of the day.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The payment of grants of half the cost of Closet Conversions up to a maximum of £10 has been continued, and grants have been made in respect of the conversion of 14 Pail Closets and 11 Waste Water Closets to the Fresh Water system.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are two licensed Slaughterhouses in the District and these have functioned satisfactorily. The inspection of meat is being undertaken by Mr. T. T. Boardman, Sanitary Inspector to Whitworth U.D.C. The details as to animals slaughtered and condemned food will be found in the body of the report.

SALVAGE.

Scrap Tins: The salvage of scrap tins has been done by a private contractor who pays the Council 10/- per load irrespective of weight or value. 25 loads were salvaged. The question of collection and disposal of the tins to the Rochdale Corporation by the Council's own workmen and transport was being considered.

Waste Paper: 40 tons of Waste Paper were disposed of.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS 1928 to 1936.

28 renewals of licenses were granted.

In concluding my report may I be permitted Sir, to offer to you my appreciation and thanks for your assistance and co-operation during my temporary period of office. Also I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance received from Mr. Howarth.

I am, Sir,

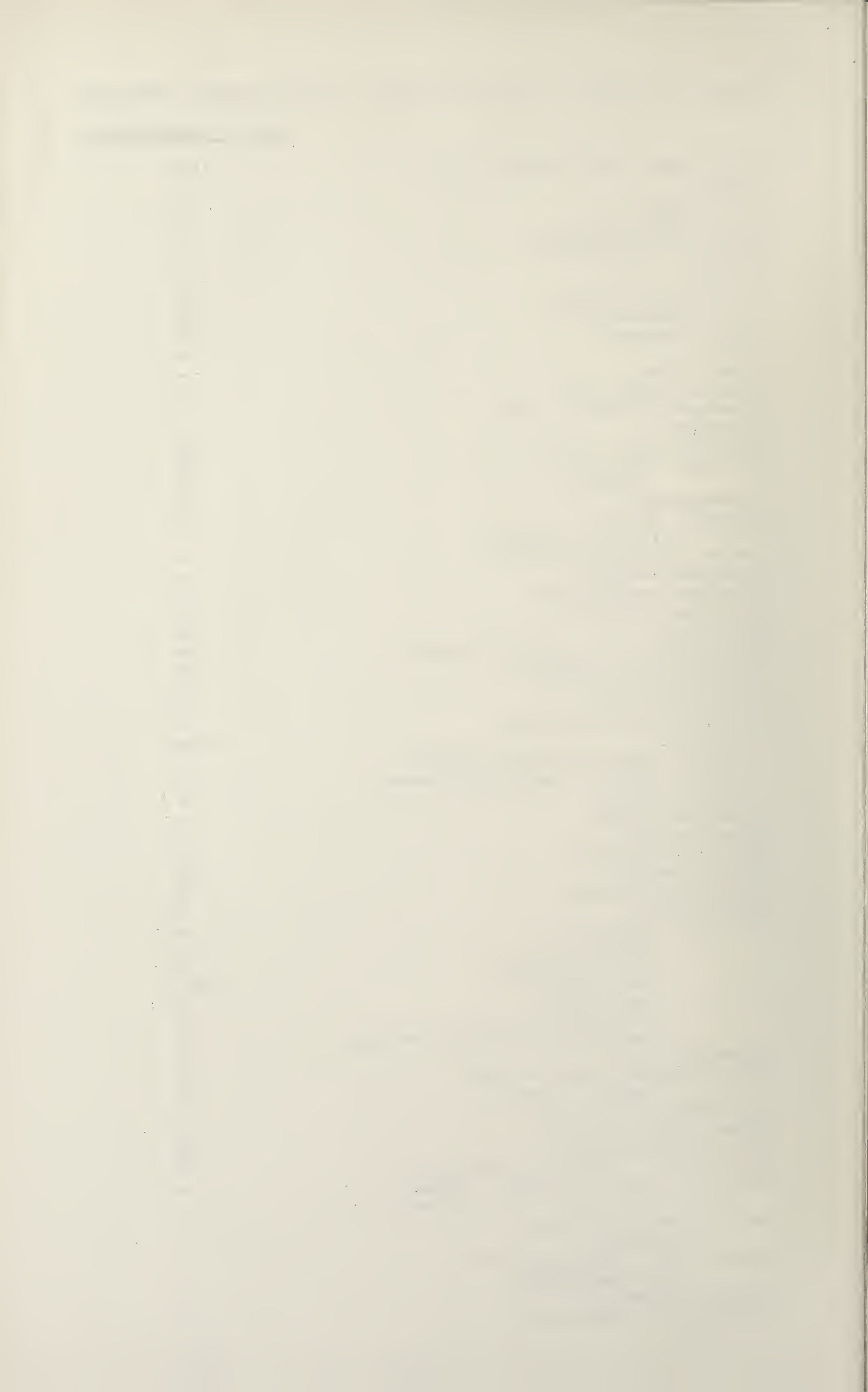
Yours obediently,

H. BOARDMAN.

Sanitary Inspector.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS ETC. BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	157
Vermín.	-
Water supply.	2
Tents, Vans, Sheds.	2
Houses let in Lodgings.	-
Old Metal Dealers.	2
Schools.	-
Entertainment Houses.	2
Ashes Accommodation.	18
Refuse Disposal.	6
Salvage.	-
Septic Tanks.	-
Animals, Birds etc.	4
Diseases of Animals Acts.	-
Piggeries.	-
Rats and Mice.	21
Drainage - Inspected.	25
Tested.	2
Conveniences.	2
Closets - Water.	11
Pails or Privies.	-
Sewers and Street Gullies.	-
Licensed Premises.	-
Milkshops and Dairies.	-
Ice-cream Premises.	4
Meat Shops.	6
Meat Inspection - Private Pigs etc.	-
Food Preparing Premises.	4
General Food Premises.	1
Food Inspections.	-
Suspected Food Poisoning.	-
Shops Act.	174
Factories (with mechanical power).	-
do. (without mechanical power).	-
Slaughterhouses.	1
Offensive Trades.	-
Game Licences.	-
Rag Flock Premises.	2
Disinfestation.	11
Infectious Diseases.	2
Disinfection.	1
Housing - Section 9.	-
Section 11.	-
Clearance Areas.	-
Other visits.	120
Demolition.	-
Overcrowding.	2
Conversion to Through houses.	-
Petroleum Acts.	1
Smoke Abatement Observations.	6
Premises visited.	2
Atmospheric Pollution.	5
Rivers Pollution Acts.	-
Miscellaneous Visits.	49
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen etc.	2
Samples - Food and Drugs - Formal.	-
Informal.	-
Water - Bacteriological.	-
Chemical.	-
Clean Milk - T.B. Examination.	-
Bacteriological.	-
Damages Foliage.	-
Pathological Specimens.	-



LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required to be included in the
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the
Year 1955.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres: 7,855. Population - Census, 1951: 10,982.

Registrar-General's estimate of home population, mid-1955: 10,710.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1955 according to rate books: 4,051.

Rateable Value: £67,818. Sum represented by a penny rate: £246.388.

Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area:
Satisfactory. The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton,
woollen, leather, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining,
dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which
has received or required comment: None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially note-
worthy in the area during the year: None.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a
prejudicial effect on health: None.

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health:	Dr. J. T. R. MacGill.
Qualifications and special diplomas:	M.B., Ch.B.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the local authority?	Part.
Any other public appointments held by him?	None.
Is he in private practice?	Yes.

Sanitary Inspector(s):-

Name.	Qualifications and Special Diplomas.	Whole or part-time as S.I.	Other appointments with Local Authority (if any).
T. Kearns.	C.R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. Inspector of Meat and other Foods. C.R.S.I. Smoke Inspector's Cert. of R.S.I.	Whole. (On sick leave.)	None.
H. Boardman.	C.R.S.I.	Whole. (Temporary) Commenced May 1955.	

Other Public Health Officers:- None.

Alterations during year to local legislation (including bye-laws) in
force in the district (please give dates).

(Deletion) Offensive Trades - March 1906.



National Assistance Acts 1948 and 1951.

No. of applications for removal made during the year under Section 47: Nil.
No. of orders made: Nil.
Comments on operation of the Section: Nil.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply -

Source of supply (including type, Moorland Reservoirs.
e.g., upland surface, deep wells, etc.)

Authority owning supply. Rochdale Corporation.

Particulars of any new sources of public supply acquired during the year. None.

Supplies to Houses -

No. of houses newly connected to public mains supply during 1955 -

Existing houses.

New houses 125.

Supply to all houses at end of year -

From public mains:-

Direct to houses - No. of Dwellinghouses - 3,429
Est. No. of population - 9,122.

By means of standpipe -

No. of Dwellinghouses - Nil.
Est. No. of population - Nil.

From private supplies, e.g. wells, springs, etc.:-

No. of Dwellinghouses - 622
Est. No. of population - 1,648

Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been satisfactory during the year?

(a) in quality:- Yes.

(b) in quantity:- Pressure to some outlying parts of the district is not satisfactory during the daytime.

If public supply, examinations made by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water Bacteriological examinations - No. None.
Chemical Analyses - No. None.
(b) water going Bacteriological examinations - No. None.
into supply, Chemical Analyses - No. None.
where treatment is installed.

If private supplies, examinations made by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water Bacteriological examinations - No. None.
Chemical Analyses - No. None.
(b) water going Bacteriological examinations - No. None.
into supply, Chemical Analyses - No. None.
where treatment is installed.

Action taken by the local authority in respect of any form of contamination of -

(a) public supplies: None necessary.
(b) private supplies: None necessary.

Any liability to plumbo-solvent action? No.
If so, give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken by the local authority including number and results of analyses.

Extensions of water mains (if any) during the year: None.

Drainage and Sewerage

Give particulars of sewage disposal works and methods of treatment.	Sewage Disposal Works, Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and filtration. Sludge pressed and disposed of to farmers.
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Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any additions undertaken during the year. None.

No. of houses connected to sewerage system during the year.	(a) New houses.	125.
	(b) Existing houses.	18.

Areas or townships without proper sewerage system and reasons therefor. Calderbrook, Higher Calderbrook, Parts of Shore, Hollingworth Fold and Rakewood. Sewers do not extend to these parts of the district.

Sanitary accommodation at end of 1955

Privy Middens -

(i)	No. of middens.	None.
(ii)	No. of closets attached to these middens.	None.
(iii)	No. of pail closets.	291.
(iv)	No. of dry ashpits (excluding middens).	None.
(v)	No. of movable dustbins.	3,156.
(vi)	No. of trough closets.	None.
(vii)	No. of waste water closets.	199
(viii)	No. of fresh water closets.	3,437.
(ix)	Conversions during 1955:-	
	No. of privy closets - to fresh w.c's.	None.
	to pails etc.	None.
	No. of pail closets to fresh w.c's.	14
	No. of trough closets to fresh w.c's.	None.
	No. of waste w.c's to fresh w.c's.	11
	No. of premises at which movable dustbins were substituted for fixed receptacles.	None.
(x)	No. of houses on water carriage system.	3,636.

Public Cleansing

Give brief particulars of the arrangements for -

(i) Provision of movable dustbins. Provided by the Council at the expense of the General Rate Fund.

(ii) Refuse Collection. House refuse collected weekly by two covered motor vehicles engaged on this work full time, and one motor vehicle for two or three days per week. Nightsoil collected weekly into an enclosed tank on a motor vehicle. In November 1955 a combined mechanical Nightsoil and Gully Emptier was brought into operation.

(iii) Refuse disposal. House refuse - Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil - Emptied direct into the sewer at a convenient part of the district.

(iv) Cesspool emptying. None.

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Sanitary Inspections during 1955
(including Housing)

Premises visited.	No. of premises visited 218.
	No. of visits 375.
Defects or nuisances.	No. discovered 164. No. abated 143.
No. of notices served.	Informal 41. Statutory 2.
Legal proceedings.	No. None.

Shops and Offices

Particulars of any action taken under provisions of:-

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| (a) Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences. | 174 Routine Inspections. |
| (b) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, i.e., ventilation, sanitary conveniences, etc. | None. |
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Movable dwellings and camping sites
(other than H.M. Forces.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1955. | None. |
| (b) No. of licences issued by local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of - | (i) Sites. One.
(ii) Individual movable dwellings. None. |
| (c) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1955. | None. |
| (d) Any action under Part IV of Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act 1951. | None. |
| (e) Any other special action taken by local authority with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. | None. |
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Atmospheric Pollution

Any special action taken with regard to smoke abatement.	Two lead peroxide instruments erected at sites on each side of the district.
Number of factory chimneys in the district.	32.
What is the time limit allowed, and for what period, for emission of black smoke?	Two minutes in the half-hour normally accepted.
Number of observations taken during year.	6
Number of legal proceedings and results.	None.
Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks, refuse tips, etc.	None necessary.

Particulars of any co-operative action with industry:-

- | | |
|----------------|-------|
| (i) Regional. | None. |
| (ii) District. | None. |
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Swimming Baths and Pools -

Brief particulars of any:

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) Public Swimming Baths or Pools. | None in the district. |
| (b) Privately-owned swimming baths or pools open to public. | None. |
| (c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water. | - |
| (d) No. of samples of water taken for examination. | Bacteriological. None.
Chemical. None. |
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Disinfestation

Particulars of action taken during 1955:

- | | |
|--|--|
| No. of houses found to be infested. | (a) Council houses. Nil.
(b) Other houses. 4. |
| No. of houses disinfested | (a) Council houses. Nil.
(b) Other houses. 4. |
| Methods employed for disinfestation of houses. | Spraying and dusting. |
| State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used, and efficiency thereof. | "Killgercide". Liquid Bed Bug Spray.
"Geigy". Lindane/DDT powder. |
| Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to Council houses. | - |
| Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor. | By Local Authority where required. |
| Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing. | None. |
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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

- | | |
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| Particulars of any action taken by the local authority during the year. | See copy of Annual Report as submitted to Ministry of Agriculture. (attached). |
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Schools.

- | | |
|--|-------|
| Total No. of schools in the district. | 9 |
| Sanitary condition of schools - | |
| (a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces. | Nil. |
| (b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:- | |
| (i) Fresh water closets only. | 9 |
| (ii) Waste water closets only. | None. |
| (iii) Trough closets only. | None. |
| (iv) Pail closets only. | None. |
| (v) Privy closets only. | None. |
| (vi) Other (state type). | None. |
| (c) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with - | |
| (i) Dustbins. | 9 |
| (ii) Dry ashpits. | None. |
| (d) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from - | |
| (i) Public mains. | 9 |
| (ii) Private supplies. | None. |
| No. of private supplies (d(ii)) considered unsatisfactory -. | |

- (e) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for
- | | |
|----------------|-------|
| (i) Washing. | None. |
| (ii) Drinking. | None. |
- (f) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to -
- | | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| (i) Public sewers. | 8. |
| (ii) Private treatment works. | 1. |
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Offensive Trades.

No. of premises 2. Type of offensive trades. 1 Fat Extractor.
1 Glue Maker.

Any special action taken. None.

Factories Act, 1937.

Observations on the administration of Parts I and VIII of the Act during 1955.	Routine inspections carried out. No special action found to be necessary.
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Common Lodging-houses.

No. on register. None.

Houses let in Lodgings

No. on register. None.

Underground Sleeping Rooms.

No. None. Any need for regulations? -

Canal Boats.

No. inspected. None. Number of infringements of Acts. -.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act 1951.

No. of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of bedding, toys etc. - 1.

No. of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was -

(a) manufactured, or manufactured and stored. None.

(b) stored only. None.

No. of inspections during year. 2.

Samples taken during year. None.

Chief sanitary requirements of the district

Extension of sewers to outlying parts of the district.

4. HOUSING

(a) Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-	Houses.	Flats.
By the local authority.	121	-
By other local authorities.	-	-
By other bodies or persons.	4	-

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-
 - (1)(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 217
 - (b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose. 249
 - (2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:
 - (a) No. found during year. 168
 - (b) No. (or estimated no.) at end of year. 168
 - (3) No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit. 49

2. Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

- (1) No. of dwelling-houses demolished during year:
 - (a) Unfit houses. -
 - (b) Other houses. -
- (2) No. of persons displaced. -

3. Houses not included in Clearance Areas:

(1) Houses demolished or closed during year:

- (a) Housing Act, 1936 -
 - (i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11) 4
 - (ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force. 3
 - (iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12) -
- (b) Housing Act, 1949 -
 - (i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3(1) and 3(2). -
- (c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 -
 - (i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10(1) and 11(2) -

Houses.	No. of	
	Persons Displaced.	
4	11	
3	7	
-	-	
-	-	
-	-	

(2) Repairs during the year:

- (a) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts. 34.
- (b) Public Health Acts - action after service of formal notice - Houses in which defects were remedied -
 - (i) by owners. -
 - (ii) by local authority in default of owners. -

- (c) Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16)
Houses made fit -
(i) By owners. -
(ii) By local authority in default of owners. -
(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954:
Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5) -

4. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954):-

- (1) No. of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7. -
(2) No. of separate dwellings contained in (1) above. -
(3) No. of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6) -

5. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement grants etc.

Action during year:

	Private bodies or individuals.		Local Authority.	
	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.	No. of schemes.	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	21	21		
(b) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.	21	21	-	-
(c) Finally approved by Ministry.	21	21	-	-
(d) Work completed.	21	21	-	-
(e) Additional separate dwellings included in (d) above.	-	-	-	-

- (f) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars). None.

(b) Housing Conditions.

1. General observations as to housing conditions, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types - any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding:

Considerable number of sub-standard houses up to and over 100 years old, of stone construction and of back-to-back type, also a number lacking through access or ventilation. Inherent defect chiefly dampness. No marked overcrowding in the district.

Approximate number of (a) back-to-back houses - 600
(b) back-to-earth houses - 62
(c) other houses without through ventilation - Exact number not known.

2. Sufficiency of supply of houses.

- (a) Give some indication of extent of shortage, stating approximate number and type of houses required:

150/200 houses of two and three bedroom types are required to rehause tenants of sub-standard houses to be dealt with during the next five years.

(b) Particulars of any local authority housing scheme -

- (i) in hand at end of year- 18 houses under construction, to complete existing contracts on the Stansfield Housing Site.
 - (ii) contemplated- no further building contemplated for the present.
- (c) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future- None.
- (d) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses- No.

3. Overcrowding.

General observations on overcrowding conditions and any progress made during the year in relief thereof:

No marked overcrowding in the district. During the year all overcrowded cases on the Council's Housing list and residing in the district have been offered alternative accommodation. A number have however, declined the offer for various reasons.

4. Fitness of houses.

- (a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts- Reluctance of owners to carry out other than urgent or essential repairs, due to high costs.
- (b) No. of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply. 170 approx.
- (c) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. 619 approx.

5. DISTRIBUTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 -

No. of distributors registered by the local authority and operating from:-

- (a) Dairies in the district. 13.
- (b) Shops in the district other than dairies. 41.
- (c) Premises outside the district. 5.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1955 in respect of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk. 18.

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53.

No. of licences issued in respect of "Heat treated" milk. -

- Pasteurising Plants. -
- Sterilising Plants. -
- Retail Distributors - "Pasteurised" 23
- "Sterilised" 59

Any refusal or revocation of licences for designated milk, with reason for the refusal or revocation - None.

Give brief particulars of any structural alterations or improvements carried out to dairies during the year.- None.

Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken in the district - None.

Result of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries within the district during the year arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority -

No. of veterinary inspections. -
 No. of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938. -
 No. of animals seized. -
 No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation. -
 No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized. -

Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. None.

2. Meat and other foods (excluding adulteration) -

(a) (i) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared, with particular reference to restaurant and hotel kitchens and food factories.

Meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, shops etc. regularly inspected by qualified inspector.

No. of legal proceedings and result. None.

(ii) Is a public abattoir in use in the district? No.

(iii) No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by the local authority at end of year. Two.

(iv) Action taken with regard to -

Ante-mortem inspection of animals. None.

Post-mortem inspection of animals. All animals inspected after slaughter by qualified Meat Inspector.

(v) Carcasses inspected and condemned within the district:

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	155	429	107	911	115	-
Number inspected.	155	429	107	911	115	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	2	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	11	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	2.58	2.56	-	1.87	1.74	-
Tuberculosis only -						
Whole carcasses condemned.		2	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	9	62	-	-	4	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	5.80	14.92	-	-	4.69	-
Cysticercosis -						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

(vi) No. of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year:-

Type of business.	No.
General grocers and provision dealers.	59
Greengrocers and fruiterers (Incl. those selling wet fish game, etc.)	8
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry, game, etc.)	2
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	17
Bakers and/or confectioners.	16
Fried fish shops.	16
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	35
Others.	27

(vii) No. of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, or under local Acts -

Type of business.	Legislation under which registration effected.	No. registered at 31.12.55.	No. of inspections of registered premises during year.
Ice Cream Premises.	Food & Drugs Act 1938.	39	34

(viii) Special examinations of food stocks or consignments during year -

Type of food.	Total quantity of stock or consignment examined.	Quantity condemned.
Corned Beef.	9 Tins.	43½ lbs.
Cooked Ham.	13 "	156 "
Pork.	5 "	14½ "
Stewed Steak.	7 "	3½ "
Kidney.	34 "	204 "
do.	2 "	2 Galls.
Ox Tongue.	10 "	54½ lbs.
Salmon.	2 "	2 "
Apples.	1 "	6½ "

(ix) By what method(s) was disposal of all condemned food effected.
Destruction by burning or buried on the Council's Refuse Tip.

(b) Food Poisoning.

Total notifications (corrected) during year as returned on quarterly Forms 118d and 118c. Nil.
Total number of additional cases ascertained as a result of investigations into notified cases. Nil.
Total number of outbreaks (an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases, being more than one in number, either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source). Nil.

3. Adulteration, etc. - If the local authority is a Food and Drugs Authority, state action taken in respect of -

(i) Food and Drugs Acts, 1938-50 - Sampling during the year:-
Under the direction of the County Council.

(ii) Other Food Acts or Regulations. -.

Name of laboratory at which analyses are carried out. -.

4. Clean Food Campaigns - Any action taken by the Council during the year. - No organised campaign.

Have bye-laws for the handling, etc., of food been adopted? If so, give brief particulars of any action taken under these during the year. - Yes. Routine inspections and verbal intimation given regarding contraventions.

5. Action taken under the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, section 14, or other relevant legislation:

Registration of all premises used for the preparation, manufacture, sale or storage of Ice-cream or preserved foods and of Hawkers and their premises.

6. Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52:

No premises registered for the manufacture of Ice-cream.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year 1955, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

A considerable number of cases of Measles occurred in March and April and to a lesser extent in June and July. A few cases of Whooping Cough occurred chiefly in November. Only four cases of Scarlet Fever occurred throughout the year.

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1955 by order of the District Council, and, if so, state for what period (see Table on page 17):-

Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	No.
Chicken-pox.	No.
Any others.	No.
Observations.	-

Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

No. of houses disinfected during 1955.	4.
Method (state disinfectant used).	Formaldehyde.
Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise).	Hand Pump.
Where is apparatus situated?	Council Offices, Littleborough.
Was any action found necessary under the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 1952?	No.
If so, give brief particulars.	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1955
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total Cases Notified									Total Deaths.
	Total cases at all ages.	Age Periods - Years.								
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-65 and over.		Age Un-known.
Smallpox.	-									-
Scarlet fever.	4	1	2	1						-
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	-									-
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding paratyphoid).	-									-
Paratyphoid fever.	-									-
Measles (excluding rubella).	97	5	24	30	37	1				-
Whooping cough.	13	4	5	4						-
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal).	-									-
Puerperal pyrexia	-									-
Meningococcal infection.	-									-
Acute poliomyelitis - Paralytic	-									-
Non-paralytic.	-									-
Acute encephalitis - Infective.	-									-
Post-infectious.	-									-
Dysentery.	-									-
Cyathelmia neonatorum.	-									-
Erysipelas.	1							1		-
Malaria - Contracted-In England and Wales.	-									-
Abroad.	-									-
Food poisoning.	-									-
Tuberculosis - Respiratory.	3		1						2	-
Meninges and C.N.S.	-									-
Other.	-									-
Any other diseases notifiable in district, e.g., - Chicken-pox.	-									-
Any other disease - (specify).	-									-
Totals.	118	5	29	38	42	1	-	-	3	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Has any action been taken under these Regulations relating to
tuberculous employees in the milk trade? No.

Public Health Act, 1936.

Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act,
1936? No.

If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to
hospital: -.

No. of cases in which Orders were granted: -.

Observations: -.

Signed:- J. T. R. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

17th March 1956.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1955, FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT
OF LITTLEBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

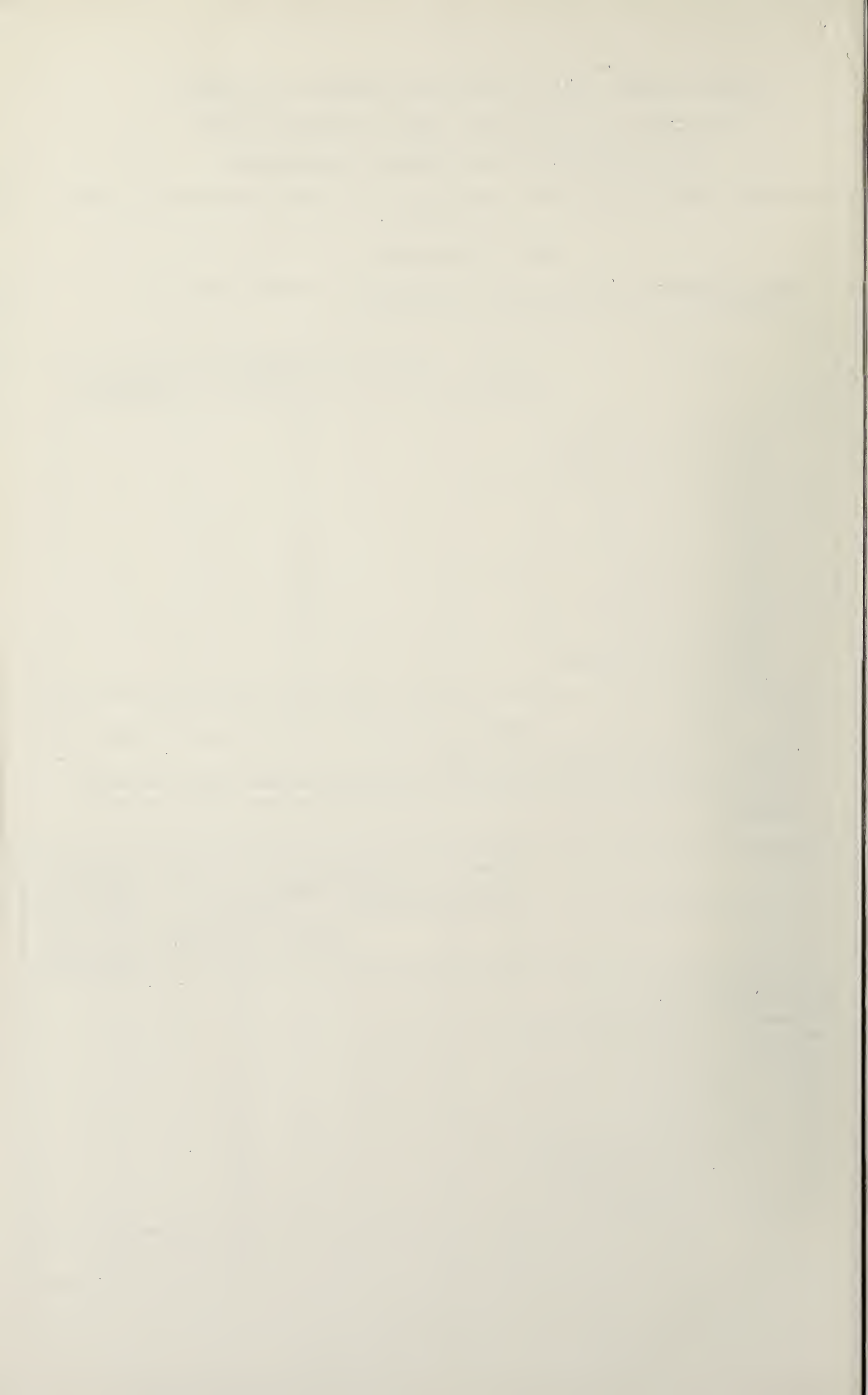
1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	13	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	91	-	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	104	-	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation. (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	1	-



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1955.

Name of Local Authority : LITTLEBOROUGH U. D. CCUNCIL (County) LANCASTER.

	Local Auth- ority.	TYPE OF PROPERTY			Agricultural.
		Non-Agricultural.		Total	
		Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses.	All Other (including Business Premises.		
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	8	4051	304	4363	79
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification.	-	22	-	22	-
(b) Survey under the Act	1	-	-	1	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	174	174	19
III. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available).	11	105	174	290	19
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats (Major)	1	-	-	1	-
(a) Rats (Minor)	-	17	-	17	-
(b) Lice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Lice (Minor)	-	5	-	5	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Sect. IV)	1	22	-	23	-
VI. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	1	22	-	23	-
VII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:					
(a) Treatment.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work. (i.e. proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Legal Proceedings:	-	-	-	-	-
X. Number of "lock" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	-

